

REMEMBERING THURGOOD MARSHALL

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today is the last day of Black History Month, a month when we reflect back on African Americans who have contributed so much to our country and our world. One man whose life encapsulates the African American struggle was Thurgood Marshall. George Stevens produced a play called "Thurgood" at the Kennedy Center. The play has been put to film on HBO. I think it's still available on HBO; at least on demand.

It is the story of a man who was committed to justice. Through the NAACP, he argued *Brown v. Board of Education*, the most significant civil rights case, maybe the most significant Supreme Court case of all time. He became the first African American solicitor general in this country and the first African American Supreme Court justice and served honorably on that court.

He was a man that never forgot where he came from. His responsibility and duty to see that he carried on justice and the fights that he carried with him as an attorney and on the court to see that social justice and America became the country that was promised in the Constitution and in the Declaration of Independence but had not become except through Supreme Court rulings.

Thank God for Thurgood Marshall. I urge everybody to watch George Stevens' production on HBO and learn about this great man's life.

THE BOOK CLOSES FOR THE LAST DOUGHBOY

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, we have come to the end of a long chapter in American history. The lone U.S. survivor of World War I, Frank Buckles, has died at the incredible age of 110.

At 16, Frank Buckles lied about his age so he could join the Army in 1917 and go "over there" to fight for the cause of America. He drove an ambulance in World War I in Europe. During World War II, Buckles was captured by the Japanese in the Philippines and held as a prisoner of war for 3 years. Until recently, Buckles continued to drive his tractor on his farm in West Virginia.

It was Buckles' passion to have a memorial built on the Capital Mall to honor all those doughboys that served in the great World War I. We have memorials for the other three major wars of the last century, but not one for World War I.

I met Corporal Buckles when we introduced this legislation that is named in his honor. It is time we build such a memorial, and it is time we also allow

Frank Buckles to lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda. History must remember this last patriot of World War I and the 4 million other Americans that served.

And that's just the way it is.

HOUSTON DAY CARE TRAGEDY

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, just last week in Houston, Texas, in a private home called Jackie's Day Care, seven babies under 3 years old were subjected to an horrific inferno; a fire. As the caretaker or the owner of this child care facility and as the facts unfold that we believe Federal funding was involved, first there was a representation that she was in the home and had fainted. But over the last 72 hours it was determined that she had gone to the grocery store. Four babies are dead. Two are in a burn unit. And one is fighting for his life in another facility.

I am standing here today—my voice can be heard—to first of all say how many people need day care and have to subject themselves to these kinds of homes. She was 22. Maybe she cared for the children. But right now she has fled the country.

I am asking Ms. Tata to return. I am asking her family members to return so that she can receive justice and so these families can heal. This is not the way to address your responsibility. Four families are burying babies who would have had wonderful futures, who simply attempted to work and have a place safe and secure for them to be. Now they are dead.

Ms. Tata, you're 22 years old. Come back to this country and get in line for the justice you deserve. We are coming after you.

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REPUBLICANS' JOBLESS AGENDA

(Mr. ELLISON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, we're now going into the 10th week, having been in Congress in session for many days now—we've actually had 7 weeks where we've actually been in Washington working and another several weeks where we've been at home in our districts working—and we haven't seen one single, solitary Republican jobs bill yet.

My question is, when are they going to get to the business the people elected them for? The Republicans ran on a "where are the jobs?" agenda. I remember it ringing in my ears so many weeks ago. And now, here we are 10 weeks in, and they haven't done anything.

Mr. Speaker, I was in my district last week talking to people about jobs and talking about unemployment. I was in

the WorkForce Center. I was at job sites talking to people. And I'm telling you, people with jobs are nervous and afraid that they might lose them. And people without them are losing hope. They are losing houses. They are losing their lives, really.

I implore the majority caucus, Mr. Speaker, to get on the question of jobs and stop this Republican "no jobs" agenda. It's time to bring some jobs bills to the floor and to heed the call of the American people: Jobs now.

HONORING MAYOR RAE CAROLE ARMSTRONG

(Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mayor Rae Carole Armstrong of the city of Plantation, Florida. Mayor Armstrong has nearly 30 years of distinguished public service working on behalf of the residents of Plantation and the south Florida community, and we will miss her strong leadership.

Since 1999, Ms. Armstrong has served as mayor of Plantation, promoting and fostering small businesses, revitalizing parks and neighborhoods, and generally enriching the local community. As the first female council member in Plantation—a position she held for 16 years—Rae Carole Armstrong was known for supporting athletic groups and engaging in educational partnerships.

Her special ability to work with a broad array of local interests allowed Mayor Armstrong to shepherd the city into the new millennium while maintaining Plantation's close-knit community appeal. Her coalition-building leadership benefited not only the residents of Plantation, but the entire south Florida community.

In that spirit, all of south Florida thanks her for her many years of service, and we wish her great success in her future endeavors. Thank you, Rae Carol.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DUFFY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, it is really an honor for me to join my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus here this evening to recognize Black History Month and some of the people who have written that history through their life contribution, but also to talk about how the cuts the Republicans are proposing to everything except taxes for the wealthy threaten to take us back decades, if not centuries, to a place where America was